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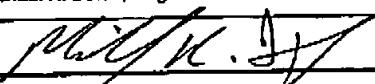
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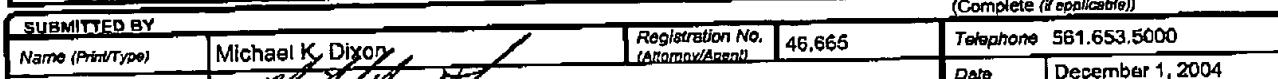
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		US- 5,674,512	10/07/1997	Mazzal, Angelo L.	
		US- 6,277,288	08/21/2001	Gargas, Joseph	
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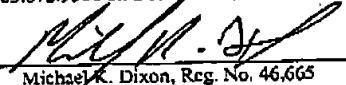
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